

United Methodist Center Guide





From the desk of Bishop Mark J. Webb



Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We want to welcome you to the United Methodist Center. This amazing building is a space for United Methodists across the Upper New York Conference to gather together in prayer, witness, and ministry.

This United Methodist Center gives the Conference opportunities that Upper New York would not otherwise have to increase the capacity of Christ-following leaders so that we can be the Church that God has called us to be. It helps us to faithfully, effectively, and fruitfully accomplish our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I invite you to make use of our space for meetings; we have rooms that can accommodate groups of a few individuals to large groups of 120 participants or more. We can meet all of your audio-visual needs in our meeting rooms.

The Media Resource Center offers many great tools for you to use in research or to borrow and bring back to your church for small groups, classes, video viewings, and more.

Our Mission Central HUB gives you the opportunity to get together and be the hands and feet of God right here in Upper New York and around the world.

And there is so much more the United Methodist Center provides.

This guide provides you with descriptions of all of the spaces throughout the Center and area attractions so that we can make your stay in Liverpool as accommodating as possible. We offer tours of the building Mondays through Fridays from 8:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

This is your space and we are so thrilled to see it being used in the way it has been intended to be used. God has given us a space that can fulfil our mission more than we have ever imagined.

We look forward to seeing you at the United Methodist Center!

Grace and peace,



Who we serve

With more than 168,000 members, the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church comprises 867 local churches and 65 new faith communities in 12 districts, covering 48,000 square miles in 49 of the 62 counties in New York state.

UNITED METHODIST CENTER
7481 Henry Clay Blvd.,
Liverpool, NY 13088

CONFERENCE OFFICE
(315) 898-2000

EPISCOPAL OFFICE
(315) 898-2020

RESOURCE CENTER
(315) 898-2027

District Offices

ADIRONDACK DISTRICT
PO Box 590, Glens Falls, NY
12801 – 15 Maplewood Parkway
South Glens Falls, NY 12803
(518) 480-4866

ALBANY DISTRICT
PO Box 511 – 568 Loudon Road
Newtonville, NY 12128
(518) 608-1246

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT
53 McKinley Ave.
Endicott, NY 13760-5497
(607) 748-0662

CORNERSTONE DISTRICT
663 Lakeview Ave.
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716) 665-2423

CROSSROADS DISTRICT
7481 Henry Clay Blvd.,
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 898-2029

FINGERLAKES DISTRICT
12 North Park Street, Suite 11
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 781-0188

GENESEE VALLEY DISTRICT
1100 S. Goodman St.
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 340-9525

MOHAWK DISTRICT
105 Genesee St.
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 797-1777

MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT
65 E. First St.
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-8047

NIAGARA FRONTIER DISTRICT
247 Cayuga Road, Suite 70
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 276-8631

NORTHERN FLOW DISTRICT
PO Box 208 – 93 East Main St.
Gouverneur, NY 13642
(315) 535-5149

ONEONTA DISTRICT
PO Box 668 – 64 Chestnut St.
Oneonta, NY 13820
(607) 441-5102

Camp and Retreat Centers

ALDERSGATE
7955 Brantingham Road
Greig, NY 13345
(315) 348-8833

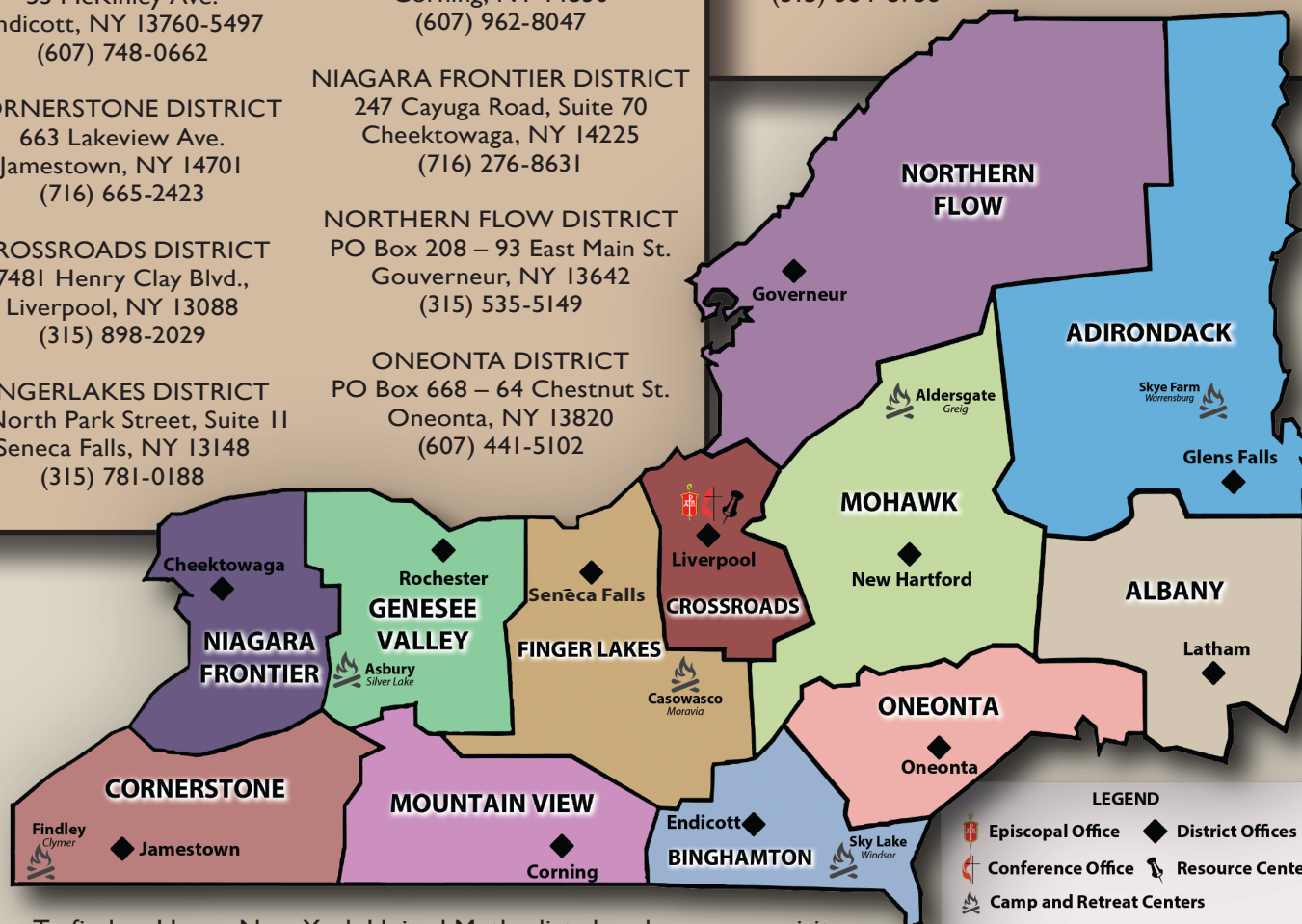
ASBURY
7000 Chapman Ave.
Perry, NY 14549
(585) 237-5262

CASOWASCO
158 Casowasco Drive
Moravia, NY 13118
(315) 364-8756

FINDLEY
2334 Sunnyside Road
Clymer, NY 14724

SKY LAKE
501 William Law Road
Windsor, NY 13865
(607) 467-2750

SKYE FARM
1884 E. Schroon River Road
Warrensburg, NY 12885
(518) 494-7170



To find an Upper New York United Methodist church near you, visit:

www.unyumc.org



Getting here

The United Methodist Center of Upper New York is located at 7481 Henry Clay Boulevard in Liverpool, NY. We offer tours of the facility and have the ability to host your next event while providing top notch hospitality. For details, contact us at (315) 898-2000.

From the North:

1. Take I-81 South.
2. Take exit 30 for NY-31 toward Cicero/Bridgeport.
3. Turn right onto NY-31 West; go approximately 4.5 miles.
4. Turn left onto Henry Clay Blvd; go approximately 4 miles.
5. Turn right onto Dey Rd. (before the Conference Center). Parking lot will be on your left.

From the South:

1. Take I-81 North.
2. Use the right 3 lanes to take exit 23-24A-24B toward Liverpool.
3. Keep left at the fork, follow signs and merge onto Old Liverpool Rd.
4. Slight right toward Electronics Pkwy.
5. Continue onto Henry Clay Blvd.
6. Go approximately 2.5 miles (Conference Center will be on your left).
7. Turn left onto Dey Rd. Parking lot will be on your left.

From the East:

1. Take I-90 West.
2. Take exit 37 for Electronics Pkwy toward Liverpool.
3. Turn right onto Electronics Pkwy (turns into Henry Clay Blvd).
4. Go approximately 2 miles (Conference Center will be on your left).
5. Turn left onto Dey Rd. Parking lot will be on your left.

From the West:

1. Take I-90 East.
2. Take exit 37 for Electronics Pkwy toward Syracuse.
3. Turn right onto Electronics Pkwy (turns into Henry Clay Blvd).
4. Go approximately 2 miles (Conference Center will be on your left).
5. Turn left onto Dey Rd. Parking lot will be on your left.

Contact us:

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Phone: (315) 898-2000
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United Methodist Center map



Let us host your next meeting

Is your ministry group interested in holding a meeting or event at the United Methodist Center of Upper New York? The Center is home to four meeting rooms available for your next big gathering. Each room offers comfort and audio/visual capabilities to suit your needs. To learn more or to request a room, visit www.unyumc.org/events/uny-meetings.



Meeting Room A (Capacity: 20)

This advanced meeting room features video presentation on 3 – 65” monitors, each one wirelessly accessible by up to 20 participants (controlled by a moderator); audio provided by 6 in-ceiling speakers; and full teleconferencing capability with an automatic tilt/pan/zoom camera and microphone array.



Meeting Room B (Capacity: 120)

The auditorium features audio and video presentation capability via in-ceiling speakers and 2 - 120” screens. Up to four presenters can connect to the screen simultaneously using a laptop, smartphone or tablet and a wireless microphone. Presentations can be streamed using currently available in-house capabilities.



Meeting Room C (Capacity: 15)

This large meeting room features audio and video presentation capability with 2 – 65” wall-mounted monitors that can be connected to wirelessly. A wired connection is available to allow for different sources on each screen if needed.



Meeting Room D (Capacity: 12)

This room includes audio and video presentation capability via a 65” wall-mounted monitor and wireless connection of a presenter laptop. A wired connection is available as backup.

Media Resource Center

Did you know there is a free lending library for all the churches in the Conference? The Media Resource Center not only loans out materials, it's also a place to come browse, view, and plan. We have an extensive collection of video driven studies and curriculums on a wide variety of topics. You can order materials in person, by phone, email, or through the online catalogue. To Learn more or to browse the online catalogue, visit: www.unyumc.org/resources/media-resource-center.



Mission Central HUB

Now, even more mission work will be possible in Upper New York! Why? The United Methodist Center is now home to a Mission Central HUB! Mission Central primarily operates with the energy and hard work of faithful volunteers. Goods and items handled are generous donations from churches, groups, organizations, and individuals. These include, but are not limited to, UMCOR health kits; UMCOR flood buckets; and kits for God's children who are in prisons, shelters, or are homeless.



Video Studio

Get ready for your close-up. The United Methodist Center houses a 395 square-foot video studio. The space is properly equipped to bring a higher quality to our Video Ministry. With the use of high definition cameras, lighting, teleprompter, and green screen, we can produce videos that are informative and helpful to your ministry. To learn more about video production for your ministry, contact the Conference Communications Ministry Team at news@unyumc.org.



Archives and History

United Methodism in Upper New York has a long history, dating back to the 1760s. Prior to the creation of the Upper New York (UNY) Conference, the four previous Conferences that make up the UNY Conference (North Central New York, Troy, Western New York, and Wyoming Conference) all had various churches that stored documents, photographs, and artifacts from their church and other churches in their Conference.

Now, the UNY Conference has a Documents and Archives section to centralize and store all historical articles that have previously been stored all over the state.



Area Attractions

Onondaga Lake Park

This 7.5 mile park offers walking trails, waterfront picnics, skate and dog parks, playgrounds, and more. Relax over a game of shuffleboard or challenge an opponent on the volleyball court. The Equipment Rental Shop offers bikes and other recreational equipment for your enjoyment. Grab a fishing pole and head out to the pier or simply unwind on the waterfront lawns.

6851 Onondaga Lake Pkwy
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 453-6712
onondagacountyparks.com

Salt Musuem

Learn about the industry that created the City of Syracuse and supplied salt to the entire nation. Visit the site of an original boiling block; learn about the equipment used in the process; explore exhibits, and set your eyes on the many artifacts. Experience the unique history of the salt industry when you visit the Salt Museum.

106 Lake Dr.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 453-6715
onondagacountyparks.com

Destiny USA

Destiny USA is New York State's largest shopping, dining, and entertainment destination. From retail and outlet brands to a suspended ropes course, antique carousel, and premiere dining, there's something for everyone at Destiny USA.

9090 Destiny USA Dr.
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 466-6000
destinyusa.com



Erie Canal Museum

Explore the only remaining weighlock building in the United States. Providing educational experiences through interactive displays, narrative audio tracks, and original artifacts, the museum will engage your appreciation and understanding of the Erie Canal's deep history.

318 Erie Boulevard East
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 471-0593
eriecanalmuseum.org

Museum of Science & Technology (MOST)

This hands-on science and technology museum is for people of all ages. Fly through the stars at the Silverman Planetarium or feel the thrill of the only domed IMAX® theater in New York State. Discover, learn, and play with hundreds of exhibits for the whole family.

500 S Franklin St.
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 425-9068
most.org





Restaurants

AppeThaizing
105 1st St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 453-5500
appethaizing.com

Avicelli's
7839 Oswego Rd
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 622-5100
myavicellis.com

Bagelicious
7608 Oswego Rd. #12
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 652-6007
bageliciousbagels.com

Burger King
7589 Oswego Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 622-2623
bk.com

Cafe at 407
407 Tulip St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-5855
cafeat407.org

The Cheesecake Factory
306 Hiawatha Blvd W.
Syracuse, NY 13290
(315) 422-2559
thecheesecakefactory.com

Francesca's
207 Oswego St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-1200
francescaspizzaliverpool.com

Fu Wa Asian Restaurant
7421 Oswego Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 451-8866
fuwasushi.com

Gardenview Diner
650 Old Liverpool Rd
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-5525
gardenviewdiner.com

Heid's of Liverpool
305 Oswego St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-0786
heidsofliverpool.com

Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse
302 Old Liverpool Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 457-0000
ichibanjapanesesteakhouse.com

Limp Lizard BBQ & Catering
201 1st St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-9774
limplizardbbq.com

McDonald's
7505 Oswego Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 622-5883
mcdonalds.com

Moe's Southwest Grill
7560 Oswego Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 715-4082
moes.com

Original Italian Pizza
408 Oswego St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-0099
myoip.com

Panera Bread
3815 NY-31
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 652-8538
panerabread.com

Pizza Villa
409 Tulip St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-4200
pizzavillaofliverpool.com

Retreat
302 Vine St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 457-6358
retreatrestaurant.com

Sahota Palace
668 Old Liverpool Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 413-0016

SUBWAY® Restaurant
642 Old Liverpool Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 706-0100
subway.com

Tully's Good Times
311 7th N St.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 451-6766
tullysgoodtimes.com

Twin Trees
7608 Oswego Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 652-2700
twintreespizza.com

Village Burger
920 Old Liverpool Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 565-5324
villageburgerliverpool.com

Wegmans
4979 W Taft Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 701-3208
wegmans.com

For more area attractions and restaurant listings, visit: visitsyracuse.com

Getting to know the Upper New York Conference

Episcopal Office

United Methodist Bishops first and foremost provide spiritual leadership. Bishops share in teaching, equipping, and encouraging mission and service. They serve as shepherds of the Church, providing a prophetic witness for justice and unity. All bishops are members of the Council of Bishops, which collectively is charged with the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire Church. Bishops, who are specifically assigned to preside over the work of a regional area, are responsible for setting all clergy appointments in the conferences they serve and presiding over the Annual Conference sessions.



District Offices

As a large Conference with over 900 churches, District connection and leadership is of the highest importance to the Upper New York Conference. It is the role of the Annual Conference to walk alongside the local church in making Disciples by providing support, encouragement, and connection. The means by which this is done is often through the Districts. Learn more about the Districts of the Upper New York Conference at www.unyumc.org/about/districts.

Benefits and Administrative Services

The Benefits Office of the Upper New York Conference fulfills the mission of being God's love to our neighbors in all places by caring for those who serve. The Benefits Office connects with clergy to promote the five areas of health: physical, emotional, spiritual, social and financial. Benefits team members strive to provide efficient and effective administration of policies and benefit programs as well as educational opportunities to support clergy and Conference staff as they fulfill their vital roles in service to the Church. Learn more about Benefits and Administrative Services at www.unyumc.org/about/benefits-administrative-services.

Camp and Retreat Ministries (CRM)

Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) operates five centers throughout New York State, each serving a diverse population including rural, urban, and suburban. Opportunities to connect with God's creation, in a loving Christian community, include a residential summer camp program currently serving 2,000 campers per year as well as a wide variety of themed retreats consisting of programs designed for women, men, youth and families. CRM also provides Christian hospitality and program support to a variety of churches, community groups, colleges and other partner organizations who utilize the facilities. To learn more or to find a location near you, visit www.campsandretreats.org.

Communications

Sharing the story is fundamental to what we are called to do as Christians, and the Conference Communications Ministry Team is responsible for supporting that at all levels of The United Methodist Church. In some cases, the story may be shared by inspiring, motivating, and informing through Conference communications channels. In other cases, it may be shared by working with local churches and others to find the voice to tell their story, or reaching out to secular media. To learn more about the Conference Communications Ministry Team, visit: www.unyumc.org/about/communications.

Conference Leadership Team (CLT)

Pursuant to 2016 Book of Discipline ¶ 610 and the Plan of Union, a Conference Leadership Team serves as the executive body of the Annual Conference between Conference sessions, to ensure the decisions of the Annual Conference are implemented in accordance with the Conference mission, vision, and core values.

The Conference Leadership Team provides ongoing coordination, focus and direction in order to build a culture of mutual accountability throughout the Conference. It is the Conference Leadership Team's charge to discern, deliberate and articulate the desired outcomes based on the Conference mission, vision and core values. To learn more, visit: www.unyumc.org/about/clt.

Connectional Ministries

The role of Connectional Ministries is to serve as a steward of the vision and mission of the Upper New York Conference. In partnership with the Upper New York Resident Bishop, the Cabinet, other ministry areas, and the elected leadership of the Conference, the Connectional Ministries area works to develop, clarify, interpret, and embody the Conference's vision; helps to ensure alignment of the Conference's resources to that vision; and helps to facilitate connections among the local, district, Conference, and General Church ministries for the purpose of networking, resourcing, and communicating their shared ministry. For more information about Connectional Ministries, visit: www.unyumc.org/about/connectional-ministries.

Finance

Together we are stronger than any single church and our ability to fulfill our mission is multiplied. Ministry Shares and direct bills are the financial manifestation of our connectional system. The Finance Ministry Team is the steward of those dollars, and it is our job to assure that what can be an extremely complex system is made as simple as possible for the users, so the focus can stay on the ministry, not on the dollars. To learn more about the Finance Ministry Team, visit: www.unyumc.org/about/finance.



To view the full Conference staff directory, visit: www.unyumc.org/about/conference-staff.



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The United Methodist Church



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